



SEALED

E. R. CONNELLY

Way down deep in every nature  
Is a yearning, hunger, want,  
That naught in this world of tinsel  
Can supply, they only taunt.  
Man's like animal, led to slaughter,  
Prodded on by Satan's power,  
Deferred anguish is the payment,  
'Tis sin's hypo for the hour.  
While a groping for the answer  
In this cold world's tangled skein,  
I heard sweet calling of the Savior,  
"Child, forsake your sin and pain."  
'Twas then I learned to know Jesus,  
And in answer to my prayer  
I met the King of Glory  
And He made me His own heir.  
Power like restless tide of ocean,  
Vibrance like great battle cries  
Came the rushing Holy Spirit,  
Sent upon me from the skies.  
My soul flooded with His goodness,  
Sweet as honey in the comb,  
Gentle as the dew from Heaven,  
Crystal white as ocean foam.  
Now I'm sealed, sure of redemption,  
With Christ communing every day;  
Bathed in resurrection glory,  
Zooming up the shining way.

THE GROUND OF

"Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."—2 Cor. 1:22.

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# NOTES From My LETTERS

By  
J. H. WALKER  
General Overseer

We have just closed a district convention which was greatly enjoyed by all. Our mission offering was double this year, we had a total of \$116. The Laverne Avenue church raised \$111 of this. Brother Kerce says this is the largest offering given by any individual church in the State this year. We have taken in twenty-five new members since December, paid \$400 on improvements of the parsonage and the church, set aside one night every month to take offerings to send Lighted Pathways to boys in Service, and this has proved a blessing to many. Remember us in prayer.—A. G. Phillips, pastor, Chicago, Illinois.

Three weeks' revival at Lancaster, South Carolina: thirty-five saved, fifteen sanctified, two received the Holy Ghost.—J. W. Hannah, pastor, Toccoa, Georgia.

Dear Brother Walker:

We are now in one of the greatest revivals Hamilton has ever had. We are having to turn people away. Last night (May 7) we had at least one hundred in the altar. There was not room for them, so the people made an altar in the church wherever they could find room. There have been sixty-eight experiences already and the end is not in sight. We are having the greatest cooperation in this revival from the other Pentecostal churches that we have ever had in this city or anywhere else. We have had some very outstanding healings, around twelve healings in one service. One lady was helped in the church with her crutch, she was healed and walked eight blocks home shouting. Another lady was healed after fifteen doctors had given her up to die and she had been dismissed from four or five hospitals as hopeless. She is now well and doing fine. Another lady was healed of T. B. The doctors had given her only thirty days to live. We have just received her testimony over the telephone that she is completely

healed, all the soreness and the cough gone. Our Sunday School has averaged three hundred for the last two Sundays. The record was broken yesterday a week ago. We are planning on having four hundred next Sunday. Rev. Shelton Brock, wife, and daughter, are the evangelists here with us in this great revival.—Carl J. Hughes, pastor, Hamilton, Ohio.

P. S.: Another one just called and said that she was healed of T. B. last night also. If anyone doubts these healings we have the names and addresses of each one.

Just a line to let you know how God is blessing here in Piney Grove's new Church of God. We are in the midst of the greatest Holy Ghost revival this part of Tennessee has seen, with Rev. C. L. Spoon in charge. Nine prayed through last week (May 2) with three altar services, lasting until one o'clock.—A. J. Murray, pastor, Route 1, Selmer, Tennessee.

Just closed a two weeks' revival at Greenville, Mississippi, with Brother Lindsey F. Pratt doing the preaching. Great results: thirty converted, twenty-five sanctified, twenty baptized with the Holy Ghost, twelve added to the church, and six more are ready to join. We rejoice greatly in the Lord for these blessings.—C. H. Isbell, pastor, Greenville, Mississippi.

Brother Walker, I am sure that you will be glad to hear about the successful revival now in progress at the Lakeland church. Brother Colon T. Dunn came to us last Wednesday night. At the end of the first week twenty-two were saved, fifteen sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost. The meeting is continuing and the Lord only knows what will be the results at the end. This is the best revival the church has had in ten years.—R. E. Drymon, Lakeland, Florida.

## WORD FROM BROTHER PITT IN CHINA

Just as we go to press, we have received the following rather vague information: "Information gained—indicates that Rev. Pitt is interned at a Japanese camp at Weihsien, Shantung, China."

Please remember him in prayer.—M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

## "VICTORY"

Have you seen a copy of "Victory" which is dedicated and sent free to all who are in the armed forces in our nation? How do you like it? Would you not like for some members of your Y.P.E. to distribute them among the soldiers who are in your city, take them to the depot, the bus and train, and give them a word of encouragement?

We have had numbers of calls for them and expressions of appreciations also. Note this call from Port Chaplain, Willis T. Howard, New York Port of Embarkation, Brooklyn, New York: "Thank you for your letter of April 4 in which you offer to send us more copies of your paper 'Victory.' This type of literature has proved exceptionally valuable to our chaplains in their work among the troops on our Army transports. We would appreciate receiving 5,000 more copies of 'Victory' in the near future."

Another, from one of our soldier boys, Pfc. Nat T. Rice, Fort Bragg, North Carolina: "I received the package of 'Victory,' and I think the paper is outstanding. I am grateful for the opportunity to pass them out for I am sure they will be greatly appreciated by lots of these dear men. I have a wonderful privilege here to pass out literature inasmuch as I am in the Reception Center and see thousands of new heartbroken and homesick and some deeply convicted men. Just this week we had four men saved in our prayer meeting in the woods near here. You may send me more copies of 'Victory' when you can."

Brother F. W. Lemons, Service Pastor, writes: "While on the bus between Fort Sill and Lawton, Oklahoma, today, I gave out a number of copies of 'Victory' to men sitting near me—privates, sergeants and officers. They were gratefully received, and I watched a number of men read them, fold them carefully and then put them neatly away in a convenient pocket. To me that meant, 'We like it.' They received the message. The great judgment will tell the story of how the seed grew. In Lawton I placed a handful in each of the four U. S. O. centers. I saw people taking them and then comfortably seating themselves for a few moments of profitable reading."

We printed 20,000 copies of the first issue, then we printed 30,000 more. Let us hear how you feel about "Victory."—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.



"For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us."—Heb. 10:14, 15.

Most all Christians are generally taught and therefore believe that all believers in Christ have the Holy Ghost. There is a sense in which this is true; there is, however, a more serious sense in which it is not true. All who have been converted have a changed heart and mind relative to their conduct and purpose before God; all do not, however, have the Holy Ghost as it was given to the waiting disciples on the day of Pentecost. It is a great thing to have the witness of the Spirit in your heart that you have been born again. It is, however, very important that each believer have the baptism of the Holy Ghost as it was promised and given



into the early Church. There is no need today for another sacrifice, for by "one offering he hath perfected for the age" those who are sanctified. There is, however, today a definite need in the life of the individual, and this is equally true of the entire Church that we have "the witness of the Holy Ghost" to our sanctification.

#### THE TABERNACLE

"And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shall hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy," Exod. 40:9.

After the anointing and sanctifying of the tabernacle, Moses was commanded to "bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water. And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office," Exod. 40:12, 13. Aaron's sons were washed and anointed likewise before they could minister unto the Lord. After the tabernacle and its furnishings were anointed and sanctified, followed by the anointing and sanctifying of

the priesthood, Moses "reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. Then a cloud covered the tent of

the house of the Lord; so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God," 2 Chron. 5:12-14.

The tabernacle and the temple were both for divine administration. They rightfully should be sanctified as buildings of worship. The priests

here, as also in the tabernacle, were acclaimed as "sanctified." There were one hundred and twenty of them. Was this number typical of the one hundred and twenty who were first filled and baptized with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost? This event with the manifest Shekinah has been called by some "the Pentecost of the Old Testament." At any rate, here we have, as in Exodus, an acknowledgment that the temple court, the vessels of the ministry, and also the attendant priests were "sanctified" before the "glory of the Lord filled the house." In each instance, "ministration" was suspended while the power of the Shekinah glory and flame held sway.

#### THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

If upon the anointing and sanctifying of the tabernacle and its priesthood, and the hallowing of the temple court with all vessels and things pertaining to its use, with an attending priesthood also "sanctified," may we not rightfully expect a similar manifestation of such glory and power in the institution and commission of the Church? The tabernacle during its day, like the temple, was the place where the Shekinah was to be manifested. The Church then was the logical instrument and place in which God should manifest His glory and power during the Church age. Therefore, we have the wondrous and glorious manifestation of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. Christ had prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth," John 17:17. After which He died to "sanctify the people with his own blood," Heb. 13:12. Therefore, as a result of the "one offering" made by Christ for the sins of the world, the Holy Ghost came as the Shekinah or manifested glory of God in the Church.

Through Christ "all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an

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# Pentecostal Consecration

By E. C. Clark

the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle," Exod. 40:33-35. The washing, the anointing, and the sanctifying of the tabernacle and its priesthood preceded the manifestation of the divine presence. If we are to have the manifestation of the Holy Ghost, the Shekinah of the spiritual temple of the Lord, then we, too, need today consecrated buildings and ministers into which God and unto whom God may come in the power of the Holy Ghost to render our worship spiritual. Holiness must precede the manifestation of the presence, power, and glory of the Lord. The manifestation of the Shekinah was the witness of the divine acceptance of the tabernacle and its chosen priesthood.

#### SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

In 1 Kings 8:64, we have this acknowledgment that, "The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings." The results of this offering and dedication of the temple of Solomon are found in 2 Chron. 5:11, where it is said that "all the priests that were present were sanctified." These priests with the Levites and the singers "arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets: it came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even

# RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

## Isenhower

The Reporter, a paper published in the interest of Conscientious Objectors, states that "General Eisenhower, commander-in-chief of the Allied forces in the Mediterranean war area, comes from a family whose mother is one of Jehovah's Witnesses of long standing."

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## Missionary Predicts

that "it will not be long before Russia will join with other United Nations against Japan and give us bases for attack that will defeat Japan." The missionary, Dr. Alexander Paul, who has had forty-eight years in China, stated further that "Russia and Japan hate each other with a deadly hate."

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## Pentecost Sunday

We have given the most of this issue to the importance of the great truths which center around the day of Pentecost. The great necessity of churches being endowed with the presence and power of the Holy Ghost as evidenced by the early church beginning at Pentecost cannot be over-emphasized. The great revival of the beginning of the Christian era can again be realized if ministers and congregations will again anchor on the doctrines and experience of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as promised by our Lord (Lk. 24:49) and fulfilled on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:33). If you don't agree with these writings read them again.

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## Mysterious Vision of Christ in Sky Over Britain

IPSWICH, England, May 8—The Rev. Harold Godfrey Green, vicar of St. Nicholas Church and chaplain to British forces, said today he had verified "quite definitely" the story of hundreds of Ipswich residents who said they saw a vision of Jesus on a cross in the sky during an April 27 air raid alert.

"There was scarcely any variation—if any—in these accounts," he said after extensive conversations with residents in this East Anglian coast town. "Hundreds of persons have said they saw the sign clearly."

Nearly 800 townspeople crowded St. Nicholas Church, which seats only 500, for a sermon on the vision yesterday, when the vicar said: "I have satisfied myself beyond doubt of the authenticity of the vision. I regard the sign as a good omen. . . . I did not myself see the sign, and for this I am sorry."

The vision was said to have lasted fifteen minutes. It first took form in the shape of a large white cross, the chaplain was told, and then the form of Jesus appeared.

"His head was bowed, and His feet were crossed—all who saw agree on these details," he said. "When it disappeared it did not drift away like clouds, but vanished instantly and entirely."

Other clouds in the sky were said to have drifted by while the vision remained stationary.

Some who did not see it suggested the vision might have resulted from light on ice crystals in the air, but there was no agreement on any preferred explanations.

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## What Meaneth These

six big words; namely, "repentance," "justification," "regeneration," "new birth," "conversion," and "sanctification"?

REPENTANCE comes from the Greek word "metanoeo," which means to undergo a change in mind and in feeling, which results in a change in principle and in practice; therefore, a reformation brought about by the sinner being convicted by the Holy Ghost (John 16:8) and which results in a godly sorrow for sins committed (2 Cor. 7:10).

JUSTIFICATION is the act whereby God declares a repentant sinner righteous, because he has believed in Christ as his sin-bearer (2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24; Rom. 5:1; Titus 3:7).

REGENERATION, found only in Titus 3:5, comes from "palin," which means back, back again; and genesis, birth or nativity; where it is used with respect to the process of washing and renewing of the Holy Ghost, whereby God gives unto us a new birth.

NEW BIRTH is the result of regen-

eration of the Holy Ghost (John 3:5; Titus 3:5).

CONVERSION is but another way of referring to the change made in a believer by the process of regeneration by the Holy Ghost. "Convert," like the word "repentance," means to change the belief from one thing to another. Through repentance the mind is reformed, or changed from unbelief and disobedience toward Christ, to faith in and obedience unto Christ.

SANCTIFICATION is the act whereby God declares a believing sinner to be holy through faith in Christ (1 Cor. 1:2), through which the believer is called unto holiness (1 Thess. 4:7), in order that he may become holy by crucifying the old man, and putting on the new man Christ Jesus, in order that he may become a new creature (Rom. 6:6; Gal. 6:15; 2 Cor. 5:17).

Now let us summarize: Repentance precedes justification, which is the result of regeneration, which is the exact equivalent of the new birth, elsewhere referred to as conversion. Justification, regeneration, the new birth, and conversion refer to one and the same thing experimentally. Sanctification is a setting apart unto God. Experimentally, it deals with the quality of the Christian, his conduct and walk in the flesh. Through sanctification the believer is saved from the error and lusts of the flesh. The elements involved in sanctification are (1) faith in Christ (Acts 26:18), (2) the blood (Heb. 13:12), (3) the truth (John 17:17), (4) and lastly, the Holy Ghost is the active force in effecting sanctification (Rom. 15:16).

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# Paul's Pentecostal Book

By J. D. Bright

Although Paul was the most prolific writer of the New Testament, and in his letters set forth all the wonderful experiences of grace and the *Spirit*, as well as the Church in its various phases, in no book does he devote so much time to pointing out the necessity of the *Spirit* as an active person in His definite relation in and to a Christian's life as in the book to the churches of Galatia.

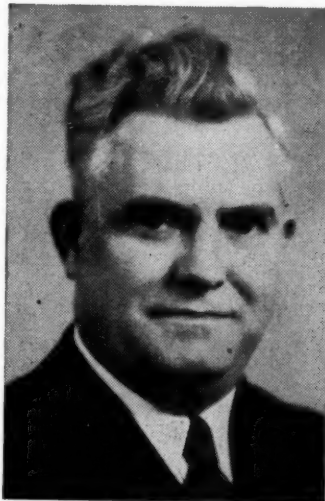
Paul wrote this book during his third visit to Corinth, probably in A. D. 60. It had come to Paul's knowledge that the fickle Galatians who were not Greek, but Gauls, had become the prey of Judaizing missionaries from Palestine. You will notice that Paul does not use the teachings of others to prove that the law dispensation has been replaced by grace brought by Jesus Christ, but that he refers constantly to the *Spirit* as the one who affects their lives in respect to Christian living.

First Paul questions (3:3): "Are ye so foolish, having begun in the *Spirit*, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" Isn't it unreasonable that you would receive your initiation into the kingdom of God by the *Spirit* and then have to give Him up and resort to the law of Moses which in the first place you could not adhere to because you are Gentiles?

He would have them remember that they were *convinced* by the *Spirit* as well as *convicted* by the *Spirit*. Acts 2:37, "Now when they had heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Neither would he have them forget that it was by the same *Spirit* they were born again. John 3:5, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the *SPiRiT*, he cannot enter the kingdom of God," for "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the *SPiRiT* is *SPiRiT*."

Then you had your beginning in the *Spirit*! Why, when you are rejoicing over the fact that your hearts are pure



and holy, you are giving the *Spirit* credit for having sanctified you. In fact, it is through the *Spirit* that you as Gentiles have been made acceptable. Rom. 15:16, "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being *sanctified* by the *Holy Ghost*."

Now since you had your beginning in the *Spirit*, (5:25) "If we live in the *Spirit*, let us also walk in the *Spirit*." You know it is not reasonable to try to maintain spirituality by living in the law of dead letters! Walk in, abide in, live in the *SPiRiT* and you shall live eternally.

Now Paul takes the role of a Gentile in chapter 3:14 as he very adroitly states "that the blessings of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that *WE* might receive the promise of the *SPiRiT* through faith." This reminds us of the fact that he was made "minister to the Gentiles," that he boasted, "I am a Roman, free born," and that "I am made all things to all men that I might win some." He points out the fact that Gentiles are not dogs but eligible for God's blessings, through Abraham, in that he said (3:8), "And

the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham saying, in thee shall all nations be blessed." Since that is true, Jews were not the only ones that qualify for the *Spirit* (*Holy Ghost*), but Gentiles as well.

Again the author reminds the churches at Galatia that the *SPiRiT* was not only promised to them, but that He had actually been sent forth into their lives and was shouting out through them in their times of exuberant joy and ecstasy, in His own language, "Abba father"; (4:6) "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the *SPiRiT* of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."

He is asking a preponderant question in chapter 3:5: "He therefore that ministereth to you the *SPiRiT*, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?" In other words, is it because the people believe in and abide in the Mosaic law that they receive spiritual help from you in miraculous ways, or is it because they hear with faith and know that it is the *Spirit* working through your lives? The credit was indisputably due the *SPiRiT* in their lives.

Another question: chapter 3:2, "This only would I learn of you, Received ye the *SPiRiT* by the works of the *LAW*, or by the *HEARING* of *FAITH*?" In other words, did you receive the Pentecostal baptism by offering up a sin, burnt, trespass, wave, or peace offering? Certainly not! You are Gentiles. Neither has any Jew received the *Holy Ghost* in such a manner. Did you have to be circumcised to receive the *Spirit*? No! In fact, if you were to meet all the requirements of Moses' law and ignore the laws of grace, you wouldn't receive the *Holy Ghost*.

Paul knew that it was highly characteristic of the Jews to want leaders and, no doubt, they had played up Moses, Joshua, Saul, Nehemiah, Ezra, and the prophets to the churches until they had discouraged the faith

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# The Baptism of the Holy Ghost,

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Text: Acts 1:4,5, "And, being assembled together with them, (Jesus) commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."

The subject of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is of great importance. It solicits and challenges our study, our acceptance and daily consideration in more effective soul-winning. One has no difficulty in seeing that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is a definite experience which one may know whether he has received or not. Jesus made it clear that the disciples should understand it was to be a definite experience. He said, "For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."

John's baptism was definite; they knew when it had been completed, and they knew this was not to be a water baptism. It seemed that they visualized quite a great day in the near future and they asked the Lord, "Wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel?" But He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power." But notice, He assured them, as is shown in the eighth verse, that when this baptism is come it will be of world importance. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The American Revised Version says, "But ye shall receive power when the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

But there must be something definite about the time of their waiting. They were commanded to wait, and then they should know when that waiting was sufficient, and of the definite receiving of the baptism with the Holy Ghost, so that they then could begin their ministry, and begin their testimony, to go into all the world as they had been commissioned. They were not left in doubt. They

had an experience definite and sufficiently clear that they knew when they received the Holy Ghost. For Acts 2:4 says, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance," thus showing that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is accompanied with the speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance.

The same thing is quite clear in the household of Cornelius when Peter came and preached to them. The Lord literally directed Cornelius to



send to Joppa and enquire for one Simon Peter who was lodged in the house of Simon the tanner, by the seaside, informing him that the Apostle Peter had the message they should hear. Peter, being directed by the Holy Ghost, went and preached the message unto the Gentiles, Acts 10:44, "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" This was a def-

inite experience accompanied by the speaking in tongues and the magnifying of God's name.

Again, in Acts 19:2, when Paul came to the believers in the upper coasts in Ephesus, "He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" The American Revised Version gives it, "Did you receive the Holy Ghost when ye believed?" Of course, the Apostle Paul was expecting a definite answer, Yes or No. "And they said unto him, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." The American Revised Version, "Nay, we did not so much as hear whether the Holy Spirit was given." The American Revised is, no doubt, more correct here, for truly they had heard of the Holy Ghost but they had not learned that the baptism had already been given. This group of believers likewise understood about water baptism. The Apostle Paul quotes John the Baptist in his statement about the water baptism and also about the baptism that the Lord Jesus Christ would give. Verses 6 and 7, "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve."

People today should not be satisfied until they, too, have a definite experience as described by the Bible. Too many prayers for the baptism of the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit are altogether too vague and indefinite. There is no occasion for one to be so uncertain. The Bible is definite about salvation so that you can know about it. It is also definite about the baptism with the Holy Ghost and one who knows what the Bible says about the baptism of the Holy Ghost, will know that he, too, can have the same Bible experience.

I think it is entirely possible for people to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and not know it, not know what to call it; at least, I heard a gray-haired man testify once that he received a mighty anointing of God, until the power of God spoke through

# What It Is, and What It Does

## General Overseer

his vocal organs and his soul was thrilled with heavenly glory. After hearing the subject preached from the Bible, he knew immediately that this was the experience that he had obtained years prior to this time.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is, therefore, a fulfillment of prophecy, for Joel 2:28 says, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit." The Apostle Peter, standing up with the eleven on the day of Pentecost, in trying to help the people who had gathered about to understand what the great phenomenon was, denied that any of the people were drunken, and recited the fact that, "This is, that which was spoken by the prophet Joel."

As you will notice, the outpouring was not just for the satisfaction and pleasure of those recipients, but that it even emphasizes that the sons and daughters shall prophesy, shall preach, shall tell others, shall have burdens for the lost, and that the servants and handmaids likewise will receive of the Spirit and they shall prophesy. I wish to emphasize the fact that the baptism of the Holy Ghost, though it brings joy, is not given just for the pleasure and enjoyment of those who receive the experience.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the work of the Holy Spirit, nevertheless it is distinct from and additional to His regenerative work. It is one thing to be born again, become a child of God, and another thing to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Notice the text, "... ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Jesus was speaking to the disciples who had been regenerated, born again, children of God, because in John 15:3 He said, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spok-

en unto you." 1 Peter 1:23 expresses the experience as being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever.

Jesus, in His prayer recorded in the seventeenth chapter of St. John, praying for His disciples, said, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." Thus we see that they were regenerate men, accepted with God and commissioned to preach the Word. Yet, these ministers were commanded to tarry in Jerusalem until they be endued with power from on high. Again, notice Acts 8:14, 17, "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

Notice, these people had believed and received the Word of God, but the Holy Ghost had not been poured out upon them, which proves that it is a definite and distinct experience apart from regeneration or the new birth.

We might offer as further proof the fact that there are hundreds of thousands, yea, millions who are born again and as yet have not tarried until they have obtained the precious baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Again, the baptism of the Holy Ghost is always connected with the purpose of testimony and service. Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power when the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be my witnesses." A. V. In Acts 1:4 Jesus commanded that they should not depart from Jerusalem but wait for the promise of the Father, previously recorded in the fourteenth chapter of St. John. Jesus says, "I will pray the Father, and he

shall give you another Comforter." You will notice in the twenty-sixth verse He states, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name." The Greek for "another comforter" is "al-lon parakleton" and means "another of like kind," besides Jesus, who becomes our paraclete, helper, advocate with the Father. The old word from "parakleo" was used by Demosthenes for legal assistant, pleader, advocate, one who pleads another's cause, in other words, one who will be by your side, at home with you, in your hearts.

Jesus promised that He would not leave us comfortless. He said, "I will not leave"; Greek word "ouk apheso," which agrees with desolate, an orphan, so that He would not leave us as one bereft of parents, and as parents bereft of children. Though He spoke of the disciples as little children, yet He said He would not leave us as orphans, helpless, with no one to take our part. No wonder we are told that we are to take no thought what we shall say when brought before the authorities, worldly rulers; that He has given us an advocate, a helper, a paraclete, an attorney, in the form of the Holy Spirit, who will tell us what we shall say in that moment. Isn't it marvelous! Isn't it wonderful! that in the hour of greatest trial the Holy Ghost can give us words to answer a gainsaying world, to fortify our strength, to encourage our hearts so that by faith we can take hold of the deeper things of God.

It is indeed comforting to know that the Holy Ghost will be with us, but His prime reason or purpose of granting the baptism of the Holy Ghost

### DAY OF PRAYER

For Ministers and Missionaries,  
Sunday, May 28, 1944

We are joining the Great Commission Prayer League in its annual day of prayer for ministers and missionaries. Everyone who will, please join us in this day of prayer. Prayers will be offered around the world for ministers and missionaries.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer



# Pentecost, What?

By E. L. Simmons

Text: "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come."

**B**EAUTIFUL indeed is the picture in the happenings of Pentecost. With no question of the setting, people everywhere have accepted the experience as given upon this notable day. It was an exact fulfillment of the prophecy of our Lord in John 14:16, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever." This Comforter is described in our picture as a leader to testify of Christ (John 15:26), and to give those who accept Him power to witness for Christ (Acts 1:8). But this day was more than an occasion of spontaneous blessing.

## A NOTABLE FEAST

Pentecost was the second of three great annual religious festivals, the others being the Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles. This great feast was also known as the "Feast of Weeks" because it was celebrated seven complete weeks or fifty days after the Passover (Exodus 34:22; Deut. 16:10), "The Feast of Harvest," because it concluded harvest (Exodus 23:16), and the "Day of First Fruits" (Numbers 28:26).

The Passover was the signal for the called-out ones to leave Egypt. This they did, and after fifty days' journey, with great suffering and sacrifice, came to the place where God gave them the Law and they became organized for service. This was the beginning of the "Church in the Wilderness." Acts 7:38.

The Lord Jesus Christ became our passover in His sacrificial death on the cross. He also became the first sheaf, which was the signal for the beginning of the harvest, a beginning which climaxed at Pentecost.

Strange to say that the ministry of our Lord was not crowned with any great evangelistic success while He was here in His flesh. It is possible that the one hundred and twenty who

gathered in the upper room to tarry until "the day of pentecost was fully come," were the sum total of all His converts. But they were waiting for the time of or the Feast of Harvest, a time when the wheat was to be beaten into one homogeneous mass and made into loaves.

Yes, "They were all with one accord in one place," Acts 2:1.

Then like the Law which was given from heaven fifty days after the first Passover, the Holy Ghost was given, also from heaven: "And there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." The fire of evangelism was kindled, and according to the record, "the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

Thus Pentecost became the Feast of Harvest. It concluded the harvest of our Lord's personal ministry. It opened the harvest of His commissioned ministry and of the ministry of the Holy Ghost.

## A KINGDOM FEAST

The Feast of Pentecost as observed in our New Testament was also a kingdom feast. But was there a king and the founding of a kingdom to celebrate? Let us examine the Scripture.

John the Baptist preached in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Matt. 3:2. Jesus Himself took up the same words in Matt. 4:17 and finally commissioned others to preach the same thing.

When Pilate asked Jesus, "Art thou a king then?" He answered, "To this end was I born."

But Jesus did not receive the literal kingdom. "He came to his own and his own received him not." The literal kingdom was deferred because of this rejection and only a spiritual kingdom was begun. But it was a seed plant of a kingdom which like the little stone of Daniel 2:34, was to grow until it filled the whole earth.

Toward the latter part of the ministry of Christ He said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." This was His spiritual kingdom. He trained His disciples how to carry on in its establishment and propagation, bade them tarry until Pentecost, then carry the message of salvation which was ever to be its theme.

Pentecost was the time of the founding of this new order. The Holy Spirit was given for that purpose. Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Let us examine the words of Peter. Acts 2:16-18, "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." But only the 17th and 18th verses of this prophecy, which pertain to the advent of the Holy Spirit, were fulfilled. Why were not the 19th and 20th verses fulfilled at this time?

Let us read Joel 2:28-32. "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord

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# Word - Truth - Works . . . . Acts

H. C. SMITH

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

Without controversy, I think we as Bible students agree that we are living in a dark place. And, too, since we are indeed travelers in this dark region, we must have light, which accounts then for the exclamation in high esteem of the Word recorded in Psalm 119:105, "The word is a lamp to my feet (as we walk—we ought to be running), and a light to my path." Now, it is not so much "light" that we care to discuss, but we do want to deal with the results of the light that we do receive.

Truly we are getting light from God. No, it isn't new light, but more light, the kind and quality we need, and the light God said He would furnish us in these dark days, and in this darkened earth. And on receiving the "light," God expects us to come out of darkness, for IN HIM is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5.

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come," and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people (imagine, if you can, the people of this earth being in spiritual darkness, 144 times greater blackness than the night outside; then something must be done to help them); but the Lord shall arise upon THEE, and His glory shall be *seen upon thee*. And the Gentiles shall come to *thy light*, and kings to the brightness of *thy rising*," Isa. 60:1-3. Specifically, we are to *receive light*, then *give light*. In this degree we are as the moon to a darkened people. We receive light from THE SON (Sun of righteousness) and by its reflection upon us we are to give light to those in darkness. Mal. 4:2.

So it is the effect and result of light that we wish to discuss, rather than light itself. Now, back to our text. It is strangely noticeable that the expression "sure word," in our text, carries with it in a more profound meaning and deeper thinking. The equivalent interpretation of its sister expression is found in James 1:25. We notice that James deals with

the *doer* of the Word. It is very significant that the Word itself simply remains the Word inactive till the hearer begins to do the same; and then we hear James say again, "he being not a forgetful hearer, but a **DOER** of the **WORK**." So the simple Word **DONE** takes on a different scene altogether; it becomes a work, and a work that you can see with the natural eye. Glory to God!

Now, let us read the text in its proper light. Says Peter (after enumerating many expressions to assure us of the certainty of the Son's identity with the Father), "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed," and let it be a light to you, and for you, and to others in this dark world of war and destruction, in the end time, "until the '*day dawn*' (seventh day, new day, day of peace, day dawn from the dark night of human anguish and woe), and the '*day star*' arise in your hearts," equal to the "morning star." "He that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations. And I will give him the *morning star*." Rev. 2:26, 28. So it is a **WORK** that we are to be assured by, and to be made steadfast, pending the coming of the Lord. And it is by a work also that we are to assure others that Christ is the same. Heb. 13:7, 8. Then it was a **WORK** prophesied to be, which was to reassure us of all that we embrace, waiting the return of our King.

Now we wish to quote St. John 5:36, Christ's own words concerning John the Baptist, "I have greater witness than that of John; for the *works* which the Father hath given me to finish, the same *works* that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me." John 10:37, 38, "If I do not the *works* of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me (My words), believe the **WORKS**: that ye may **KNOW**, and **BELIEVE**." Now St. John called our attention again to John in verse 41, that John the Baptist **DID NO MIRACLE**—he did no **WORKS**. Why did Christ do miracles—**WORKS**? To make people believe on Him. Why would He do the same thing today? To make people believe on Him. Sim-

ple, isn't it? John 14:10, 11 says, "Believest thou not that I am in the Father . . . I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he *doeth* the *works*. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very *works' sake*."

It was works that held John the Baptist true to Christ—nothing else: Proof: Matt. 11:2-5. "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John **AGAIN** those things which ye hear and *see*." Yes, John had seen these miracles before, but he was in a *dark place now*, and needed to see them *again*.

Brother, we are in trouble; *we* are in a *dark place*, our text says, and we need to see some things *again*. Paul, in 1 Cor. 2:4, 5, said, "My speech and preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of **POWER** (**WORKS**): That your faith should not stand in wisdom of men, but in the power (works) of God." Is it strange that he omitted spiritual manifestations in the fifth verse? No, He concluded that spiritual manifestations with which we generally are blessed was not enough, that alone is not sufficient now to keep us. It takes power now, works of God. Paul even reasoned that our faith should not stand in times like these without works of God, to assure us of His concern for us. So Christ had to reassure John again that he was safe to die for the cause for which he was suffering. Jesus further said, "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

And Jesus sent out the twelve, and then the seventy, and they healed all that came to them, except those for whom it required fasting, which we are privileged to do.

Jesus, in John 14:12, said, "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father." From this very prophecy comes our text (St. John 14:12; 2 Peter 1:19). We believe in Jesus for our personal salvation. But now for the salvation of others we must believe **ON** Him, which gives us a potential value unlimited.

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# The Church of God Orphanage

REV. F. R. HARRAWOOD, *Superintendent*

**NOW IS THE TIME  
TO ROUND UP  
ALL THOSE VALUABLE COUPONS  
FOR  
The Church of God Orphanage  
Cleveland, Tennessee**

**Round 'em up!**



We are particularly anxious to get all the coupons we can from OCTAGON TOILET SOAP, OCTAGON CLEANSER, and BALLARD'S OBELISK FLOUR, which bring us twice the usual rate of cash until June 30.

We also appeal to our friends to redouble their effort to save and send us coupons from all of these products:

*Octagon Soap Products  
Rumford Baking Powder  
Luzianne Coffee and Tea  
Health Club Baking Powder  
Ballard's Obelisk Flour  
Borden's Silver Cow Evap. Milk  
Borden's Magnolia Sweetened Condensed Milk*

Coupons mean so much to us—the income from them helps to finance our work.

Please help us pile up a substantial amount of double value coupons by June 30.

## Churches Having Largest Orphanage Offerings for the Month of April

Alabama	Pratt City
Arizona	Phoenix
Arkansas	Warren
California	Hyde Park

Colorado	Denver
Connecticut	New Britain
Delaware	Seaford
District of Columbia	Washington
Florida	Sarasota
Georgia	LaFayette
Idaho	Wallace
Illinois	Benton
Indiana	Acton
Iowa	Knoxville
Kansas	Pittsburgh
Kentucky	Ravenna
Louisiana	Dunn
Maine	Portland
Maryland	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Worcester
Michigan	West Flint
Minnesota	Herman
Mississippi	Pascagoula
Missouri	Cantwell
Montana	Billings
Nebraska	Omaha
Nevada	Pittman
New Jersey	Jersey City
New Mexico	Jal
New York	Brooklyn
North Carolina	Kannapolis
North Dakota	Wahpeton
Ohio	Canton
Oklahoma	Murphy
Pennsylvania	Chester
South Carolina	Pelzer
South Dakota	Mobridge
Tennessee	Lenoir City
Texas	Lannius
Virginia	Norfolk
Washington	Seattle
West Virginia	Seth
Wisconsin	Mosinee
Wyoming	Baggs

## OUR RECENT TRIPS

The boys' trio; namely, Norman Jordan, of South Carolina; Fred Childers, South Carolina; Bennie Triplett, North Carolina; and the girls' trio, Nell Trapp, North Carolina; Betty Edwards, Ohio; Naomi Stowe, North Carolina, and Esther Lacquey, pianist, Florida, have been studying under Brother Otis L. McCoy for the past several weeks and are getting a lot of compliments on their singing wherever they go.

The Superintendent and the boys' trio were with Brother M. D. Harwood, district pastor, and Brother

Vep Ellis, pastor of the local church at Pratt City, at their district convention on the 22d and 23d of last month. The district offering for the Orphanage there was \$515.39. We certainly enjoyed the fine convention and the splendid spirit of cooperation that was manifested by all of the workers in that great convention.

On the 6th and 7th of this month, the Superintendent, with the boys' trio and the girls' trio, were at the Y.P.E. and Sunday School rally in Harlan, Kentucky. Brother A. R. Pedigo is the pastor there. This was a district rally and they gave the Orphanage \$1,023.26 in their Sunday morning offering. As far as I know, this is the largest district offering ever received for the Orphanage. Hurrah for the loyal workers in Kentucky!

## GIRLS' NEW HOME

The plans are now completed for the new home for the girls. The local War Production Board has already viewed the plans and seem to be highly in favor of this new home. Our next meeting will be with the War Production Board in Washington. Numbers of our friends are assisting us in every way possible to secure priority for the home. By the time you receive this paper the matter will already be placed before the proper authorities in Washington.

## COUPONS

Already numbers of coupons have come in but we are urging our workers to cooperate with us to make this the greatest coupon drive in the history of the Church. We have set our goal for 500,000 by June 30 and we can easily reach it by your help.

In 1943 the Baptist Children's Home collected 972,000 coupons from the State of Alabama alone and received \$4,985 cash for these coupons. If every one would help us in this coupon drive, we could easily pay for the furniture in the new Girls' Home with the cash that we would receive from the coupons.

Here is our record on coupons from 1938 through 1943:

1938	\$163.00
1939	480.00
1940	1,130.00
1941	1,259.00
1942	1,352.00
1943	2,200.00
1944	?????

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

# REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

## PRAY FOR:

My son in the Navy; my daughter and her husband; my body to be healed of neuritis.—Mrs. J. O. Smith, Alachua, Fla.

The healing of Ernest Stanley, Rockhold, Ky., who has been ill for some time.—Levi Henson, Williamsburg, Ky.

The healing of Sister A. B. Everett, Moorhead, Miss., who is in a serious condition; my nephew who is overseas.—Sister Willie Carpenter, Rt. 2, Yazoo City, Miss.

God to undertake for me.—Mrs. Sam Cook, Homerville, Ga.

Emerson (Jack) Hamrick to be healed of a broken leg, he has been in the hospital four months and if it doesn't get better soon it will have to be taken off; my three sons in the army, one of whom has a broken hand.—C. E. Shope, Talking Rock, Ga.

God to undertake for my husband; my brother in the Navy.—Mrs. Effie O. Gregory, Rt. 1, Belgrade, Mo.

My three sons in the Service.—W. A. Deniston, White Pine, Tenn.

My two brothers in the Navy.—Mrs. J. E. Wheeler, Rt. 1, Searcy, Ark.

The healing of Mrs. M. H. Densten, El Jobean, Fla., who is in need of the healing touch of Jesus.—Mrs. G. M. Goff, Gasparilla, Fla.

My son in the Service—Earl White, A. S., Unit C-5 GS-644, Camp Peary, Va.—Mrs. Alice White.

God to undertake for us, we are in bad health and a serious trial.—Mr. and Mrs. G. P. H.

My healing, I have been in the sanatorium over fourteen months with T. B., also pray for my salvation.—Arvie Asbury, Brandywine Sanatorium, Marshallton, Del.

Me to be healed; my husband.—Mrs. Maggie Silvey, Ringgold, Ga.

My husband to be healed of heart trouble; me to be healed of kidney trouble.—Mrs. Frost, Brunswick, Ga.

The healing of my husband's stomach; my sister whom the doctor said couldn't live much longer, Emma Jones, Cordova, Ala.—Mrs. Alonzo Wright, Pascagoula, Miss.

Me to be healed of rheumatism and stomach trouble, also a breaking out on my legs; my daughter to be healed of low blood pressure and stomach trouble; my husband to be healed of rheumatism.—Maggie Sweat, Rt. 1,

Latta, S. C.

My mother to be healed; my husband who is oversea.—Mrs. Carol Reed, Rt. 1, Grandview, Tenn.

My brother, Allen Boon, who got hit by a car April 29; my uncle, Miles Boon, who got hurt a few weeks ago and lost a leg; my sister-in-law.—Sallie Baldwin, Rt. 1, Box 7, Hallsboro, Ala.

Me to be healed; three of our loved ones in the Service.—Sister Lena Thompson, 973 18th Pl., Vero Beach, Fla.

Me to be completely healed, I have something wrong with my head and am nervous. Encouragement appreciated.—Mary H. Porter, Grassy, W. Va.

The healing of Mr. Hollenbeck, he suffers severe pain, he has had this trouble eight years.—Mrs. G. M. Goff, Gasparilla, Fla.

The Lord to heal me of a cough which has been lingering for some time; my stepdaughter who will have to have an operation unless the Lord undertakes.—Mrs. Clem Talley, Whitesburg, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Rutha Mitchell, 522 Glasgow Dr., Dallas, Tex.

Me to be healed of bad kidneys, sinus and thyroid trouble and nervousness; my mother to be healed.—Mrs. Henry Lyle, Rt. 5, Roanoke, Va.

My sister who is in bad health from nervousness and is losing her mind; another sister who is very sick in the hospital.—Mrs. Simpson Neal, Loran-ger, La.

My healing, I am a shut-in with T. B., my husband who has bad heart trouble and has had a light stroke; Mrs. Cozey Robinson who is with me to be healed of T. B.; my father who has lost his sight; my two brothers in the army.—Mrs. F. P. Elliott, Mecklenburg San., Huntersville, N. C.

My mother, Mrs. J. T. Francisco.—Audrey Francisco, Brooklandville, Md.

My mother and father who are both old and very sick with heart dropsy.—Morgan Rowell, Rt. 1, Box 37, Hazlehurst, Ga.

My babies who have whooping cough; my companion.—Sally Walker, Sarasota, Fla.

Me to be healed, I am in a bad condition.—Mrs. M. C. Bowles, New

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## HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL IS NOW FULLY ACCREDITED

The goal toward which the Bible Training School has been working for several years has finally been reached, and the name of our school has been added to the list of accredited high schools in the state of Tennessee.

When six students gathered together in one room to begin the first term of the Bible Training School no one could visualize to what extent the school would grow. The following five outstanding departments are now included in the curriculum: a Christian Workers' Course with three divisions for those interested in preparing for the ministry, for missionary work, or for general Christian work; a Junior College; a fully accredited High School; a School of Business; and a School of Music. The enrollment has grown in twenty-five years from six to five hundred and sixteen. This degree of progress will certainly compare favorably with almost any other school of its rank in history.

The Bible Training School has had the name of a "good" school for a long time, and now it is on an equal rank with hundreds of other schools throughout the country. It is a school that the Church of God can be proud of. Your children will receive a liberal education here coupled with Christian training that is not available in the average public school.

## MAIL YOUR APPLICATION NOW

**The 1944-45 Term of the Bible Training School Begins September 4, 1944**

The management of the Bible Training School is looking forward to the greatest enrollment in the history of the school for the 1944-45 term. The number of students enrolled during the 1942-43 term was 285. This past term, the enrollment was 516, and everything points to an even greater enrollment this year. The school offers accommodations for only a limited number, and when that number has been reached, it will be necessary for us to place additional names on a waiting list. Over 100 applications have already been received.

If you are really interested in attending school for the 1944-45 term, write: Bible Training School and College, Sevierville, Tennessee, immediately for complete information.



# REPORTS

## Lebanon, S. Dak., District Convention

On March 31-April 2 the Lebanon, S. Dak., district convention convened at Lebanon in the City Auditorium. The three churches were well represented on this district. Brother Carl M. Hughes, pastor at Lebanon and Tolstoy, and Brother Henry Bober, pastor at Gettysburg, were in charge of arrangements for the services.

Visiting ministers and workers with them were: Brother A. M. Selness and daughter, Mobridge, S. Dak.; Brother Harold Phillips, of Ohio; Brother Paul Sexton, field evangelist, Wahpeton, N. Dak.; Brother and Sister Ralph Brostrom, Mercer, N. Dak.; Sister Fae Dyer and others, of Lemmon, S. Dak.; and the state overseer, Brother Glyndon Logsdon, and his family. Large crowds attended each service and the blessings of the Lord were poured out on us. Many beautiful songs were rendered by visiting musicians, as well as local talent. Brother and Sister E. E. Coleman and family, of the Northwest Bible School and Music Academy, at Lemmon, rendered many inspiring songs and special musical numbers. Other singers were Brother and Sister Brostrom and daughter, Marlyn, Brother Phillips, the Gettysburg trio, and the Coleman children's trio.

The mission service was wonderfully inspiring and at the close an offering of \$412.04 was received, which is truly great, considering the small territory covered. We thank God for the wonderful mission spirit the people in the Dakotas have. We enjoyed having a Brother and Sister Johnson, of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with us for the entire convention, and they really seemed to enjoy being with the Church of God for the first time.

The memories of this convention will live long in our hearts and we pray that the work on this district will continue to grow for God.—Mrs. Ralph Brostrom, reporter.

## Shady Grove, La., District Convention Great Success

Another milestone has been passed in our great program in the State of Louisiana this year. A large crowd attended this convention, for which Rev. George Hemphill, the district

overseer, and his coworkers have so earnestly prepared.

A spirit of cooperation was manifested at this convention from the very first service. All the churches on the district were well represented and a good time was had by all. The convention closed Sunday after many good reports and a mission offering of \$300. In addition, an offering was received for the orphanage of about \$18. Watch Louisiana for a great state convention. — John C. Myrick, Box 1175, Monroe, La.

## Borger, Tex., Y.P.E. and Sunday School Convention

The Borger, Tex., district Y.P.E. and Sunday School convention convened at Borger, Tex., April 7-9, with Rev. Glenn E. Weatherby, state superintendent, Rev. Clarence Taylor, district Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent, and Rev. Howard D. Statum, district superintendent, in charge. This was a glorious feast for all who were present. The Lord met with us in the first service and continued through the entire convention. All the ministers seemed to be at their best in handing out the Word to feed our souls. Truly we thank the Lord for each one of them. We think we have the best district in the State, with perfect unity. Our orphanage offering was wonderful—\$417, for which we thank the Lord. The singing and special singing was grand. Space will not permit our telling all the good that was accomplished during this convention, so will say, "Thank the Lord for it all."—Clerks, Mrs. L. D. Ringo and Mrs. Oscar Davis.

## Church in Atlanta, Ga., Having a Great Time

Great interest is being shown in the work at the Hemphill Avenue church in Atlanta. There are four radio stations here; we are broadcasting over three of them—WGST, 920 on your dial, 7:45 each Sunday morning; WAGA, 590 on your dial, Sunday afternoon 1:00-2:00 p. m. from the church; daily, Sunday through Saturday over WAPL, 1400 on the dial, CWT.

Sister Helen L. Morrow is here in a revival. We are having a great time. Yesterday (Sunday, May 7), while

broadcasting, God was really in the program. We told the people if God definitely blessed them to call us. After the broadcast the phone rang. The call came from a hospital bed; God had really blessed, not only the man who called, but others in the ward were gloriously blessed. A lady called Sister Morrow, telling of being wonderfully blessed. While I was telling it to a house filled last night, a lady sprang to her feet and said, "Brother Phillips, God wonderfully saved me during the radio program today."

We praise the Lord for His blessings here.—A. M. Phillips, pastor.

## Contest a Success

The Y.P.E. at Krafton, Ala., has grown by leaps and bounds since the beginning of a six-week contest, which came to a close last night. On the first evening of the contest we had scarcely enough members present to divide into two groups. We had only four Reds and four Blues, and four visitors.

The rules of the contest were simple but in each was hidden that something which impels young people to work. Having learned through experience that to compel people to work is a very difficult task, I hit upon a plan to create a desire to work. The second evening showed a nice increase. We kept working. We also kept praying, since prayer is the key to success in God's work. Each evening showed a gradual increase until the last evening, March 21, when the membership was found to have increased from 8 to 128. The number of visitors had increased from 4 to 55. The amount in offerings had increased from 85 cents on the first evening of the contest to \$35.20 on the last evening of the contest. A total of \$79.04 was received in offerings during the contest.

The total points earned by each group has not as yet been posted, so I am unable to say just yet which side won, but I can say I have never seen a contest go over so smoothly nor accomplish so much.

Should anyone reading this report wish to have a list of the rules used in the contest just closed, and a detailed outline of same, just send a stamped, addressed envelope to Mrs. Vera Baldree, Chickasaw, Ala., Box 1155, and I shall be glad to send it to you. Please pray that God will continue to bless us.—Sister Vera Baldree, Y. P. E. president.

# TESTIMONIES

## Day of Miracles Not Over

On the seventh day of April my wife had a stroke which lasted five or six hours. She could not talk and couldn't move her arm or leg; they were paralyzed, but we prayed until God answered, the power fell and she was divinely healed. She is fifty-three years old and I am fifty-eight. We have been in the Church of God for twenty-eight years and have trusted God for our healing all these years, without a dose of medicine. We have eight children. They are all grown and we have trusted God for them, so you see God does what He has promised to do. It pays to obey the Lord and do His will and stand on His Word.

Pray for us; we want to make the last mile count for God.—J. H. Brooks, Rt. 2, Box 160, Yazoo City, Miss.

## Nothing Impossible With God

Dear Friends, I am a T.B. patient in the South Carolina State Penitentiary Hospital and I am serving a two-year term, but I can say deep down in my heart that God has saved my soul, even if I am in the penitentiary, and I ask each and every one of you to pray a special prayer for me every night that God will heal my body of T.B. There is nothing impossible with Him.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I write this testimony and sincerely hope it will help someone to wake up and realize their need of God. Christ, one night somewhere around ten o'clock, saved my soul from the burning pits of hell, here in the State Penitentiary Hospital at Columbia, S. C., where I have fourteen more months to stay.

The reason I am in the hospital is because I have T.B., but as I have said, somewhere around ten o'clock, on February 19, 1944, God saved my soul and He has been with me ever since and I am going to keep Him with me in everything I do, no matter where I am.

We have a Bible Class here at the penitentiary and I would like for each and every one of you brothers and sisters in Christ to pray that God will bless it and help it to continue from this day on. I also ask you to pray for me, that God will help me in the services that I might conduct here in

the near future. God has called me to preach and every one of you pray that God will be with me in any services I might conduct.

Always remember me in your prayers. I would appreciate it if anyone would sit down and take time to write me a letter of encouragement.—A brother in Christ, Clifford Sherbert, 1515 Gist St., Columbia, S. C.

## Believing for Complete Healing

NOKOMIS, Fla.—I praise God for His goodness to me. I was born crippled; I had a growth on my spine and a cyst in my throat. I could not talk plainly. I had prayed for almost seven years and, praise His name, I know He hears and answers prayer. I was not healed in church. Sunday night, January 30, as I was coming home from the Church of God in Nokomis I saw a bright light. My son was with me and he said I shouted and trembled all over with the power of God. I believe God is going to completely heal me. I am trusting in a Savior who is able to heal me. Pray that He will heal me completely and sanctify and fill me with the Holy Ghost. I know this never could have happened had it not been for the children of God at Nokomis praying for me.

I praise God for sending Sister Curry to me and telling me Jesus can save and heal. I was a sinner at that time. I have been going to the Church of God. I believe with my whole heart I am going to be healed and receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Mable Elkins.

It was in a revival conducted by Brother D. J. Brooks that the Lord was pleading with my poor soul. Though I had been a church member for twelve years, I knew I wasn't living right and I wanted to get right with my Lord so I could pray for my loved ones. I thought the Church of God people were the happiest people I ever saw. I said, "Surely this must be the right way."

My son was on a destroyer in the Pacific War Zone, had been there for seven months. On Sunday night, July 4, 1943, when Brother Brooks gave the altar call the Lord was pleading with me to go but somehow I refused. Then Brother Brooks asked the congregation if they wouldn't honor God by

bowing in prayer at their seats, which I did. I prayed for God to show me the right way. I really wanted to serve God and do right. I love my boy with all my heart and wanted God to take care of him. I said, "Lord, if you will take care of my son I will serve you the rest of my life." That very night about midnight his ship was torpedoed and sunk, but, thank God, he didn't get scratched, and was back in the States the 14th of August and came home on a thirty-day leave. It is great to know God will answer prayer when you come before Him humbly and willingly, but somehow I still refused God after all His kindness to me.

Time passed and Brother D. J. Brooks came back to hold another revival. It was then and there I had to obey the promise I made God. I went three days and nights without sleeping or eating. My husband didn't understand what it was all about. He begged me to see a doctor but I knew it wasn't a doctor I needed; it was God. I attended church every night. After three days and nights of a burdened heart I finally made my way to the altar, and oh, how I thank God for the good people who so earnestly prayed for me. God mercifully saved me on the 30th of October, 1943. Since that time God has healed my body by prayer and faith, and I am happy to say that the Holy Ghost is my guide and I have a strong determination to keep pressing on and working for Jesus that I might win other souls for Christ. I desire the prayers of all true Christians that I may have a closer walk with Him.—Mamie Stancil, Rt. 5, Greenville, N. C.

## God Is Blessing Us in Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I am glad for the way God is blessing in Jacksonville church. I am glad I can trust Him for my needs. Money couldn't buy what I feel in my soul. I am thankful for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Alderman. The Lord is blessing every effort he is putting forth. Sister Alderman is such a sweet, humble woman.

I get so much joy and comfort out of my salvation. I am glad for the Church of God and its teachings. I pray God I will always live where I can be a loyal member of the Church of God.

Pray for my boy who is out on the water somewhere.—Hattie Taylor, 2815 Hubbard St.

# Notices

To everyone on the Fairfield, Suisun, Calif., district area, we are in a revival with Rev. W. T. Dodson as the evangelist. The house is full each night and souls in the altar seeking God. We trust this to be the greatest revival in the history of this church. We covet your prayers and will be looking for you in the services.—Merle H. Greene, pastor, Box 745, Fairfield, Calif.

## Louisiana State Convention

The state convention of Louisiana will convene in the beautiful city of Baton Rouge under the big tent of the National Evangelistic Party, who is now here in a revival. The date has been changed from first date to May 26-28. We have swapped dates with the overseer of Mississippi so as to make it possible for them to secure a place for their convention. Rev. R. P. Johnson will be the convention speaker from headquarters. Brother Clyde C. Cox, overseer of Mississippi, has promised to be with us and, of course, Brother J. T. Roberts and the Southern Trio is already here and will be with us through the state convention. The tent is located on Plank Road and Cherry Street. You make inquiry for Plank Road and anyone will be able to direct you. May I close with a special request that you fervently pray for this convention and the revival that is now going on here, that a great work may be established in this city.—W. C. Byrd, overseer of Louisiana.

## PAUL'S PENTECOSTAL BOOK

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of the Galatians in Jesus and the SPIRIT. Therefore Paul strategically undertakes to re-establish their faith, in chapter 5:18, "But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the LAW." That is, if you follow the SPIRIT, you will leave the law to the DEAD PAST and march forward into the blessings of grace and the ever-living future. Thus Paul clenches his argument by saying (5:17), "For the flesh lusteth against the SPIRIT, and the SPIRIT against the flesh; and these are con-

trary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that you would." The fact is, you Gentiles are blessed beyond words in that you have never been in bondage to the law and its rituals. Those Judaizers are trying to hold to Jesus with their left hand and the law with their right. Therefore, they are double-minded and in constant war, mentally and spiritually. Why, they are first for the law and against grace, then against law and for grace. But, (verse 18), "If ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law." And he stands with the posture of a triumphant debater, knowing that he has driven home a great fact.

He continues with naturalistic reasoning in chapter 6:8, "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the SPIRIT shall of the SPIRIT reap life everlasting." Now you know that no matter how much you pamper, spoil, care for, and lavish good things upon your body, it will die. So just as futile, frail, and transient are the things of the ceremonial law. But if you obey the SPIRIT and let Him possess your life, you will never die, because you become SPIRITUAL and that which is of the SPIRIT is not mortal. Not only that, but he hastens to point out the effect the SPIRIT will have upon the life in which He dwells. Chapter 5:22, "But the fruit of the SPIRIT is LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONG-SUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH." What could be more desired in a church or community than lives like this?

The initial evidence is great and essential, but it is not a compliment to anyone to base all his proof of having the Pentecostal baptism on the fact that he spoke in other tongues. In fact, most people are interested in seeing the fruit produced as present evidence of the HOLY GHOST in our lives.

Paul now reaches the climax of this wonderful subject on the SPIRIT, in chapter 5:5, "For we through the SPIRIT wait for the hope of righteousness by faith." In substance he says, "Nothing in the world could keep us so consoled, confident, patient and ready for the coming of the Savior as the SPIRIT doing His full and unhampered office work in our lives and churches."

Judaizers are not hindering the work of the SPIRIT in our lives and churches today. Yet, throughout this

book on Pentecostal experiences, like the Galatians, we are caused to recognize that the success of our lives and churches is dependent on the SPIRIT.

## PENTECOST, WHAT?

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shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call." This is a kingdom prophecy. The kingdom of Christ spiritual had its beginning at Pentecost, thus fulfilling the spiritual. The kingdom literal was deferred two thousand years, hence the deferment of this prophecy. "And it shall come to pass afterward," after the restoration. Read Joel 2:25. This leaves the first or spiritual part of Joel's prophecy to be re-enacted with that which is literal and yet to be fulfilled.

Another Pentecost feast is scheduled, one which will immediately precede the coming King, and one that will be accompanied with or followed by the earthy and astronomical signs described in Joel 2:30, 31.

Great things are yet in store for the people of earth—a great and WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL of such magnitude as was only shadowed by Acts 2:4.

## WORD—TRUTH—WORKS —ACTS

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It is yet left to this age to do greater WORKS than Jesus did. No, indeed, the apostles did no greater work than Christ. But it was prophesied by Jesus Himself in John 14:12 that we SHOULD and WOULD, if only we could believe.

But He says again, John 5:44, "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?"

What shall we do with this text? God help us to be humble and seek God, and let our light shine before men that they may SEE our good WORKS and glorify our Father in heaven.

Start right and start right away. The world makes way for the determined man.

There are no sleepers or baggage cars on the train going to heaven—wake up and unload.

A loose tongue may get its owner into a tight place.

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## PENTECOSTAL CONSECRATION

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holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye are builded for an habitation of God through the Spirit," Eph. 2:21, 22. God purposed that the Church should be "inhabited" by the Holy Ghost. The Church is the collective body of the Holy Ghost as a temple. It must be holy. Eph. 2:21; 2 Cor. 6:16. The operation of the Holy Ghost within the Church "is witness" of the sanctification of the Church. The absence of the Holy Ghost is a testimony against the sanctity and purity of any congregation of believers. This is equally true of each believer. If we wish more of the presence of the Holy Ghost as an impelling power within the Church, we must look to the sanctity of the Church or to the life of the individual.

## THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST, WHAT IT IS, AND WHAT IT DOES

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Ghost is that we might more efficiently proclaim the name of Jesus to the lost and dying world." Ye shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." The baptism of the Holy Spirit is to give us boldness. Prior to Pentecost, the disciples, hesitant, weak, and fearful, were found behind barred doors, fearful of the approach of the Jews upon them. Peter denied the Lord, would not own His name; but at Pentecost and afterward, there he stood as bold as a lion, declaring that the Jews were the ones who crucified his Lord. He preached with such boldness and under such anointing that he convinced thousands—three thousand one day, five thousand another—and then during the time of severe persecutions and whippings, the disciples escaped and requested of the church, "Pray for us that we may have more boldness," and yet it seemed that they already had the great anointing so needed to spread this gospel under all circumstances to the entire world.

Too many people feel that when they receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost they have finished their course, they have graduated, they are ready now to sit down and wait for the coming of the Lord, apparently ready to die shouting happy. I'll admit the joy of the Lord is our strength and there is no person receiving the baptism of

the Holy Ghost but what is joyful and thankful, nevertheless that is not the purpose of the baptism of the Holy Ghost—just to furnish joy. The Holy Ghost is given that we may become witnesses, that we may preach. The Holy Spirit falls upon us so that we may prophesy, that we may go forward with the message to the lost and dying world. Others feel, possibly, that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is to make them holy. While it is the office work of the Holy Ghost to sanctify believers, the baptism of the Holy Ghost is not to make one holier, but it is to endue men with power for service. Many millions of people who are genuinely born again, true children of God, need to tarry until they receive the promise of the Father, the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, to make them the efficient workers they should be.

On the other hand, there are thousands, hundreds of thousands of people filled with the Holy Ghost who are not directing the energies given of God toward the true purpose of soul-winning. Every regenerated soul should be a soul-winner for God. Every baptized saint of God should be intensified with the Holy Spirit to the extent that he is constantly in his efforts saving souls, rescuing the perishing, snatching them as it were from the firebrands of Satan.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is not given to people for them to feel that they are holier than others, to point a finger of scorn at those who are less fortunate, to become spiritually proud (if this is possible), and haughty, never. The baptism of the Holy Ghost should humble one, cause him to feel his dependence on God. The greatest soul-savers in all the world are those disciples of the Lord who love one another and love lost souls.

Do you feel a need of power with God? Ministers, it is easier to preach from the pulpit and make invitations to sinners, than it is to walk out into the congregation and invite them to the altar, or to see them in private and talk to them about their souls. Have there been times when you felt the need of that power with God? Oh, for a fresh anointing of the precious Holy Ghost! that will help us to catch a vision of the responsibility to be witnesses, to testify, to prophesy, in Jerusalem, our home town, in Judea, throughout the whole state; and in Samaria, in other states and near-by

countries; and unto the uttermost part of the world. God grant that the Holy-Ghost-filled people throughout the whole world will wait before God until they can go with a burning message into the pulpit; not to have to send for an evangelist, but that the pastors themselves will be sufficiently touched of God that the revival fire will break out and their church experience a continuous revival; that the printed page will be filled with news that will reach the lost; that the air will be filled with messages that girdle the globe and regirdle it, striking all the receiving sets of the world; and that missionaries will rush to the remote corners where by word of mouth they can tell the heathen in no uncertain terms that Jesus loves them and that millions may be saved before the terrible day of the Lord comes.

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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Hope, N. C.

The complete healing of my body, I have bronchial trouble; my husband to be healed of head trouble and a goitre on his throat, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.—Sallie Mae Buchanan, Box 222, War, W. Va.

My feet to be healed of eczema.—Mrs. Bessie Brooks, 312 W. 7th St., Hanford, Calif.

My sister to be healed of heart trouble and low blood pressure; me to be healed of heart trouble and high blood pressure; my brother in the Army; my other brothers and sisters—some of them sick in their bodies, also a brother-in-law suffering with terrible pains in his head.—Maude Martin, Rt. 2, Box 17, Altoona, Ala.

## Revival at Fitzgerald, Ga.

We have just closed the greatest revival we believe we have ever had in Fitzgerald, Ga. We are really praising God for the wonderful way He has blessed us. Brother W. H. Swift, of Lafayette, stayed with us four weeks and many souls were blessed. Fifteen received a definite experience. Five were baptized with the Holy Ghost, eight were sanctified, and two were saved. Eight came into the church.

We believe seed has been sown in this town that will spring up and bring forth fruit. We are determined to keep the victory and a revival in our hearts till Jesus comes.

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